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SUBJ: ALLEGATIONS OF LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO MINISTRY OF
WAR PERSONNEL

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ACCORDING TO GENERAL TOUFANIAN, SHAH TOLD HIM ON SEPTEMBER 16 THAT HE HAD READ PRESS REPORTS OF ALLEGED LOCKHEED PAYMENTS TO MINISTRY OF WAR OFFICIALS. THESE REPORTS APPARENTLY ORIGINATED IN CHURCH SUBCOMMITTEE HEARINGS. GENERAL TOUFANIAN SAID HE ASSURED SHAH THAT HE WAS CERTAIN NO MINISTRY OF WAR EMPLOYEE HAD EVER TAKEN PAYMENTS FROM A FOREIGN DEFENSE CONTRACTOR. ANY ASSERTION TO THAT EFFECT BY A FOREIGN COMPANY WOULD BE A "100 PERCENT LIE." TOUFANIAN ASKED US IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION ON SUCH PRESS REPORTS. WHEN WE REPLIED NEGATIVELY, HE ASKED IF WE COULD INVESTIGATE. AS TOUFANIAN IS SEEING THE SHAH AGAIN SEPTEMBER 18, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO INFORM HIM TOMORROW MORNING WHETHER U.S. PRESS HAS CARRIED ANY REPORTS ALLEGING PAYMENTS TO IRANIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY MINISTRY OF WAR STAFF. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF THERE HAVE BEEN SUCH REPORTS IN U.S. PRESS.

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